

Using and Improving Population and Household Statistics

Workshop Details

Workshop sessions are mainly for the benefit of Local Authorities. We aim to get groups of people together discussing any difficulties that they have had obtaining or providing suitable data. We also hope that areas of success will be highlighted with hints for others.

There will be a brief 10-15 introduction to the specific topic plus a few questions to generate discussion. We plan to have 5 workshops on differing themes running concurrently. Notes will be taken of discussions that take place and shared with all participants after the event.

Workshop 1 – Migration data for local areas

Alasdair Anthony (General Register Office for Scotland (GROS): Population and Migration Statistics) will give a short introduction to the [Local Area Migration Reports](http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/migration/local-area-migration-reports.html) (<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/migration/local-area-migration-reports.html>) that were published by GROS for the first time in July this year. There will then be an opportunity for users to ask questions, discuss how they have used the reports and offer suggestions for improvement to the reports.

Workshop 2 - Centre for Housing Market Analysis (CHMA)

Murdo MacPherson (Scottish Government (SG): Centre for Housing Market Analysis) will give a short introduction on the work of the CHMA. The remit of the CHMA is to provide national support and advice to local authorities and other key stakeholders to aid strategic planning of housing in Scotland. Discussion at this workshop will focus on the statistics used for undertaking Housing Need and Demand Assessments.

Workshop 3 - Local estimates and projections

Paul Davison from Stirling Council will introduce this workshop drawing on his experience of producing local estimates and projections of population and households/ housing requirements. Questions that will be considered may include: Why do we need these statistics? What has been done previously and what are the issues? How can the software packages POPGROUP/HOUSEGROUP help and what data are available? What else is there to do and who can help?

Workshop 4 - Single Outcome Agreements (SOAs) and sub Scotland data sources

This workshop will be jointly led by Sara Grainger (SG: Statistical Support for Public Bodies) and Andrew Macartney (GROS: Demography/Dissemination and 2001 Census Analysis). Sara will give a general introduction to SOAs describing what has happened so far including mention of the "Improving Local Indicators" project. Andrew will speak about data available at Sub Scotland Geography Levels and GROS involvement in improving local indicators.

Workshop 5 - Birth, marriage and death statistics from registration systems

Frank Dixon (GROS: Demography/Vital Events) will lead a discussion on vital events statistics. He will give a short presentation on what statistics GROS produce on births, deaths and marriages, and any possible changes being considered. He will also explore how the changes in the registration processes have impacted on users. Alex White (Head of Registration Policy Branch) and Frank will then open up the workshop for users' views, questions and suggestions for what they would like GROS to do.